Insight from laboratory measurements on dust in debris discs

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Context: the HR4796 debris disk

Optical regime





SPHERE 0.6-0.9 μm (Milli et al. 2019, Olofsson et al. 2020)

STIS 0.36-0.8 μm (Schneider et al. 2017)

Near-infrared regime



GPI 2.2 μm (Perrin et al. 2014, Arriaga et al. 2020) SPHERE 1.6 μm (Milli et al. 2017, Chen et al. 2020)

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Scattering properties as a remote sensing tool



3 Observables:

- Phase function
- Linear degree of polarisation
- As a function of wavelength (colour)



- Dust Size
- Shape
- Porosity
- Composition





Peculiar scattering phase function (SPF) and polarization fraction

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Probability map of the optical index (imag. vs real part)

Total intensity

Real Index

likely

Polarized Fraction

2

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Log(probability)

3

Real Index



Sample Compositions

Amorphous Carbon holines

Astronomical Silicate Interstellar Dust

Best fit

Organics

Dirty Ice

Change of strategy...







Worms et al. 2000 Hadamcik et al. 2023



Potin et al. 2018 Sultana et al. 2023 10

Iron sulphides in the dust of HR4796?

Comparison of the HR4796 NIR data with a pyrrhotite sample (Fe_{1-x}S with 0 < x < 0.12)



Good analogue but what about the scattering phase function in total intensity?

Total intensity data

No total intensity measurements with PROGRA2 in NIR on levitating samples, only optical data available \rightarrow observations done with SPHERE/ZIMPOL in the optical (I band at 790nm)





Mostly backward scattering, but harder to access the innermost regions in the optical

Comparing to optical data



Relative good match despite large uncertainties



Iron sulfide FeS (mix of troilite and pyrrhotite)



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Measurements done with SHADOWS for 1-100 μm FeS dust deposited on a surface



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Measurements done with SHADOWS for sub-micron FeS dust deposited on a surface



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Measurements done with SHADOWS for 25-100 μ m FeS dust deposited on a surface



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Last piece of evidence: reflectance spectrum



FeS reflectance spectra measured with SHADOWS (Sultana et al. 2023) HR4796 spectrum from Rodigas et al. 2014, Milli et al. 2017

Why iron sulfides ? The asteroid / comet connexion

- Stratospheric IDP, Antarctica Micro-Meteorites, Wild 2 samples (STARDUST) all contain sulfides in the form of troilite FeS.
- Fe also present in comet 67P (COSIMA, Bardyn+2017)
- Opaque minerals (such as iron sulfides, Fe-Ni alloys) are responsible for the dark reflectance (from VIS to IR wavelengths) of cometary and primitive asteroids surfaces (Quirico et al. 2016).

If opaque minerals such as FeS dominate the reflectance properties of these objects, they may also dominate their polarimetric properties.

 In cosmochemistry, long-standing problem of S depletion in the gas phase of protoplanetary disks: sulfide minerals such as FeS are likely the main carriers of S (Kama et al. 2019)



Conclusions

- the presence of FeS is compatible with the scattered light properties of the HR4796 dust particles
 - Polarisation fraction
 - Scattering phase function
 - Reflectance spectrum
- Next steps: investigation with SHADOWS of the scattering properties of
 - mixtures of FeS and olivine (some measurements already done)
 - nanophase iron produced by space-weathering (on-going internship by Maelys Rigouleau)

